

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6011
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002
NORTH EASTERN COAL FIELDS LIMITED
BIKASH CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the workers in Northern Eastern Coalfield Limited (NECL) are living in substandard houses as per norms laid down by the IBCCI and NCWA;
- (b) if so, number of workers living in such houses and since when;
- (c) whether these workers are paid house-rent allowance as per IBCCI agreement;
- (d) the steps the management propose to take to ensure allotment of standard houses to workers and payment of HRA to those who do not get standard houses;
- (e) whether the employees of Tipong Colliery in NECL have complained about non-supply of drinking water ;
- (f) if so, the nature of the difficulties faced by the workers; and
- (g) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided in the colliery.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. About 40% of workers are living in houses which are not of standard type as per Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) norm in North Eastern Coalfields (NEC).
- (c): Employees excepting those who have been allotted the following types of houses individually, are eligible for house rent allowance @ Rs. 75/- per month as per JBCCI agreement.
 - (i) Any pucca house consisting of one or more rooms with common or separate latrine and bath.
 - (ii) House under new house scheme, low cost housing scheme or single room arch type tenements with latrine and bath.
- (d): About 97% of the employees of NECL have been provided with housing facility by the company. There are 2256 standard houses and 1566 other than standard houses. The employees staying in the houses other than the standard ones are eligible for payment of house rent allowance @ Rs.75/- per month as per the provision under NCWA of JBCCI as explained in reply to part (c) above.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f) & (g): Does not arise in view of reply to part (e) above.